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Welcome to rainy Florida (Whoever called this the sunshine state?) and another issue of Arena Report. In this issue we have a live PWF report from the Seminole High School Gym which is in Sanford, FL. Apparently, Eddie Mansfield and Steve Keirn are trying to get the promotion going again. More on that story in "Ramblings". Scott Hudson looks at the recent WCW tapings in Marietta and also the last card at The Omni. Klone is by with his "Under The Mushroom" column. Hopefully Mariannè Ryan will be back with some "Notes From The Parking Lot" as well. And of course the usual "Correspondent's Corner" and letters will appear as well.

Next issue of "AR" will be cover dated April 1 which is a holiday for Jason Hervey. We'll have a review on that wonderful PPV show "Wrestlemania" that most people are skipping. Smart people. Scott Hudson will look at the syndie tapings that are skedded for 3/25. Evan Ginzburg will give his thoughts on the Joel Goodheart show that took place in Philly. And Mike Terry will throw in his 2 cents as well. For those people planning on coming down for "Super Brawl I" in St. Pete, we have some details in "Ramblings" so make mental notes as you read. Tough for most of us to do I know. What an editor. He insults his readers. I'm just kidding.

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PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

Saturday, March 16, 1991

Seminole High School Gym
Sanford, FL

Opening Match

Little Cousin Jr. and Scotty E. went to a 10 minute draw at 10:10. This Cousin Junior isn't the same that worked the WWF. He came to the ring with a pig that had a diaper on. This was Scotty's first pro match. He's a student of Mansfield's. Hard to believe it was his first bout. Did some nice spots. * $\frac{1}{4}$

2nd Match

Terminator over Master Blaster in 9:02. Blaster is Al Greene who worked as one of the Blasters for a brief time in the NWA. Termie of course is Marc Laurinadas who is Roadie Animal and Johnny Ace's brother. Best match on the card. Good stiff clotheslines and great brawling outside the ring. Greene threw Terminator into the vast number of empty ringside seats. I've always thought Terminator had more potential than Johnny Ace yet

he hasn't made it big anywhere yet. He did have a very brief stint in WCW. Termie won it with a powerslam. ** $\frac{1}{2}$

World Light Heavyweight Championship

Jimmy Backlund retained the title defeating Lou Perez in 15:53. You think these guys should have five star matches since they've worked countless times with each other. But Perez has never done anything for me. Backlund is an awesome worker. Jimmy called one fan a Sambo which produced a loud groan from myself. Backlund got on my case asking me if I had a problem. Yeah, not a real good way to get heat. Unless you want to get killed. Good spots by the "Gigolo": Double arm suplex into a powerbomb ala Scott Steiner, a good flying legdrop from the top rope which missed "Lightening" Lou. Couldn't believe the height he got on that one. Finish saw Lou belly to back suplex Jimmy in the ring and both guys shoulders were down but Backlund raised his up before the three. ** $\frac{1}{4}$

United States Tag Team Championship

Bugsy McGraw & Mighty Thor beat The Heart Breakers via DQ in 11:05. Breakers are tag champs. Jimmy Rogers was trained initially by Jerry Gray. He's now under the tutelage of Mansfield. Breakers are managed by Champagne Caine who was invisible until it was time to interfere. Thor is real green and Bugsy, well what can you say. Nice guy but age has worn on him. Breakers threw ref Micky Jay out of the ring to cause DQ. Dud

Florida Heavyweight Championship

Steve Keirn retained the title beating Dick Slater at 6:42. Ten years ago this would have been a good bout. But they slept walked through this one. Still love Slater's look though. Wanted to chant Luna at him but decided it would be hard to go unnoticed in front of 63 fans. Steve sunset flipped Dick from the apron and ref Jay kicked Dickie's hand off the ropes and Keirn scored the pin. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

NOTES

As I mentioned earlier, crowd was only 63 which was a major disappointment I always thought a high school show would do well since all the students would know about it. Guess I was wrong.....Good to see Shannon Rose, Paul Spiegel, and Bill Otten all at the show. And Spiegel gives me Hell for driving two hours to Jacksonville to see the NWA. He drove 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ for this. (By the way Paul, you really need to let me know how you came up with **** $\frac{1}{2}$ grades for all these bouts.).....I have to give credit to just about all the workers. Even though the crowd was abysmal, they worked real hard. That's the way to do it. I wish Eddie luck as I'd love to see wrestling more locally.....Steve Keirn's father was in attendance. For those that don't know it, Steve's dad was a Colonel in the Vietnam war and was a P.O.W. They even used it as an angle back in the old Florida days. He is currently living in Melbourne.

RAMBLINGS

Just finished watching the WWF's special on USA called "Superstars and Stripes Forever". Did you catch the Hennig-Michaels bout? Shaun did a leap over the ropes without touching the ropes and missed Curt but wiped out a cameraman. Great match too. Two of the top ten in the world right there. I thought the show overall was pretty entertaining. They did a great job in getting more heat on Hogan-Slaughter. If you ask me, this angle they did tonight with beating the daylights out of Hulk, hitting him with the Iraqi flag and drapping it over him was worse than the title win by Sarge. No matter how you stand on the angle, you have to admit that the final part of the show where they did the retrospect of the whole Hulk-Sarge thing was done brilliantly.....The PWF has a tentative date to tape TV at Universal Studios here in Florida on 4/12. Hope it comes off.....Iron Sheik back in the WWF and will be in the Adnan stable. Can you see where this is going? My cat

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SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

ASHES TO ASHES...DUST TO DUST. So The Undertaker does dramatic readings of the writings of Charles Schultz. Big whoop. Yes, its issue sixteen.....

COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER Marietta, Georgia (03-05-91) WCW TV TAPINGS OF WCW ~~WORLDWIDE~~ FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF MARCH 23 AND MARCH 30. (03-23-91): Junkyard Dog over Dan Haddon..Sid Vicious over Randy Starr..Sting & Lex Luger over Rip Rogers & Doug Vines..Barry Windham over Brian Pillman..Ron Simmons over Joe Cruz..(03-30-91): Bobby Eaton over Terrance Taylor..Dustin Rhodes over Hacksaw Higgins..Royal Family over Lightning Express..Ricky Morton & Owen Hart over Joey Maggs & Greg Sawyer..Stan Hansen over Larry Santo..The Young Pistols over John Faulkner & Chuck Coates..Sid Vicious over Scott Allen..**NEWS AND NOTES:** Vicious shoves the stretcher upon which the jobber is laying down the exit aisle and through the locker room curtain on the 03-23 show..After Windham pins Pillman in an awe-inspiring match, Zybysko then interviews Windham at ringside only to have the destroyed Pillman come back from the "dead" twice to disrupt the interview. This is really good..Simmons was announced as "1/2 of Doom"..During the Simmons' squash, Teddy Long came to ringside and argued with Simmons. He was followed by a stranger-than-normal Kevin Sullivan who distracts Simmons allowing One Man Gang to attack Simmons and leave him laying..Eaton defeated Taylor because Taylor did not get the pin in "5:15". Eaton got hardway juice in this match. Tom Zenk ran-in and took Alexandra York's computer but was immediately clotheslined by "Mr. Hughes" (Big Cat)..Following Dustin's squash win, Tony Gillam announced "and the winner of the match, Hacksaw Higgins!" Yes, he did correct himself later..I think I know why Armstrong & Horner did a job for The Royal Family but I also think I had better not say..Owen Hart looked great in his debut..As Zybysko interviewed Hansen following his squash, Hansen made some very disparaging remarks about Dusty. This prompted Dustin to run out and do the best interview of his life..Freebirds do a run-in following Young Pistols' squash and left them counting the lights..El Gigante ran-in during the stretchering of Vicious' 03-30 jobber leading to Flair, Windham, Sting, & Pillman run-ins..Dark match saw Sting, Gigante, & Luger over Flair, Zybysko, & Windham when Gigante pinned Zybysko with the claw in a *** match..Whew.(ATT: 1200 Best crowd here in months. Also best card in months).

OMNI COLISEUM Atlanta, Georgia (03-10-91) The Young Pistols over Larry Zybysko & Dr. X (Randy Culley) when Armstrong pinned X **..Dustin Rhodes over Dutch Mantell with the bulldog *1/4..Stan Hansen over Ricky Morton with the lariat ***..Lex Luger over Sid Vicious with a small package ***..Dan Spivey over Big Squash by DQ when Squash used the axehandle *1/2..Terrance Taylor and Bobby Eaton wrestled to a legit 15:00 draw **..Barry Windham over Tom Zenk with the belly-to-back suplex following a crotch-shot slingshot **..Ron Simmons over Butch Reed with Teddy Long's interference coming too late **3/4..Rick Steiner & Brian Pillman over The Fabulous Freebirds when Rick pinned Jimmy Jam ***..Ric Flair over Sting in a cage when substitute ref Nick Patrick counted the pin in place of El Gigante, the announced special ref, who had been jumped prior to the match by Windham and Vicious ***1/2..**NEWS AND NOTES:** Scott Steiner was at ringside during his match but was in street clothes and announced as injured..They return on 04-14 with Simmons vs. Reed in a Lumberjack Strap Match and Nikita vs. Luger for the U.S. strap..This was an excellent house show and is a good foundation to build on for future Atlanta shows. (ATT: 5000, not bad)...

THE LAST WORD...

THE FRED OTTMAN / RAY CANDY PERSONALITY DOSSIER

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| 1. Hercules Haggerty (CWF) | 1. Blackstudd Williams (CWF) |
| 2. Big Steelemen (FWF) | 2. Kareem Muhammed (FWF) |
| 3. Big Bubba (CWA) | 3. Comandor Ray (NWA) |
| 4. Tugboat (FWF) | 4. Ray Candy (GCN) |

UNDER THE MUSHROOM

with

KLON

I have been requested by Jeff (The Booker) Bowdren and the top dog of Arena Report, Ron Lemieux to explain the somewhat anomalous title of my column. I will gladly yield to these notables but first I must pose this question to you readers. The modern electronic calculator and the push button phone both entered our lives during the last twenty years. Why are the numerical patterns in these two devices so different? Compare your calculator to your phone and set your mind gears in motion.

BRING 'BACK BUD-RO !!! I was disturbed to hear of the WCW dismissal of the southern smart aleck, Buddy Landel. Buddy was on the cusp of his first push (after doing jobs since last July) and in my opinion deserves a second chance. It had even been reported that the Bash this summer would feature scaffold matches of Buddy versus Bobby Eaton. I am more than a little disappointed at the firing of Buddy Landel. BRING BACK BUD-RO !!!

Dusty Rhodes continues to produce very good tv product for both the hardcore fans and to grab the casual viewer. Oh I could honestly do without that oversized stiff from South America and I am not looking forward to such Dusty cronies as Tugboat or Nikita Kolooff coming on the scene. But overall I think that Dusty Rhodes is doing a good job thus far as booker.

Vince McMahon is very aware of what a solid talent he has in the form of Shawn Michaels. He always uses a Michaels singles match on his USA Network specials prior to p-p-v events. I can't help thinking about a Jushin Liger versus Shawn Michaels match that will probaly never take place. What about a Haku and The Barbarian against The Steiner Bros match in a battle of legit tough guys. Speaking of tough guys I wonder if we will see Steve "Dr Death" Williams working for a major group in this country ever again.

I was quite surprised to read about the one and only Jeff Mullins in a film fan newsletter this week (Joe Bob Briggs sheet). I have always known that the Mull-man was the tops but it was great reading it in a non-wrestling sheet.

The Joe Pedicino stories are up and running again. I would love to see a new national promotion get off the ground but I doubt that it's gonna happen. I better be careful what I say about this obese wannabe national force, he might have Scott Hudson put me in prison. Later

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

By

Marianne Ryan

So, what exactly is wrong with the NWA, or is that WCW, or better yet, NWA/WCW. For starters, there is this identity crisis they seem to be having. Ric Flair and the NWA go hand in hand, but now, they call themselves WCW. That leaves a lot of folks calling them NWA/WCW. It would be nice if everyone could agree on one term of endearment.

Granted, which set of initials you use isn't that important, but it is indicative of a larger problem. There are times when the NWA has seemed more like a farm system for the WWF (Dusty Rhodes, Arn Anderson, Tully Blachard, Barry Windham, the Nasty Boys and the Road Warriors just to name some recent examples). Then there are times when they seem to be playing second banana to Vince, trying whatever they can to compete with him (fireworks, the Black Scorpion and of course, Robocop). On occasion, they manage to stand alone as a wrestling organization that, on a good day is every bit as good as the WWF.

Another problem is the perception of the NWA is that it is second-rate to the WWF. At it's worst, the NWA is down there with Chicago's own Windy City Wrestling. At it's best, it can make you forget there is any other wrestling around. However, consistency is lacking when it comes to quality, and people tend to remember the bad more than they do the good.

Owner Ted Turner leads to another problem. Turner knows wrestling is a business, he just has yet to realize that wrestlers are not businessmen. A friend who has worked in both the NWA and WWF said NWA wrestlers are expected to fit into a certain "corporate image" that Turner has. Let's face it, wrestlers do not have a lot in common with your average 9-5 office guy. The SST had a hard time fitting that image. As such, they are no longer there. On the other hand, McMahon welcomes the misfits and gives them a chance to use their idiosyncrasies to everyone's advantage.

If World Championship Wrestling truly wants to establish itself, it has to forget about the WWF. If they try to copy the circus antics, they are only going to lose the true wrestling fans. They need to concentrate on one thing, and that is putting together first class matches. They certainly have the talent to do it. Flair-Luger may have gotten a bit old, but even the worst of their matches was better than Flair-ElGigante. If Scott Steiner is the heir to Flair's throne, let's start seeing him in more singles matches. Let's see more of Brian Pillman. Luger, Terry Taylor and Bobby Eaton can more than hold their own in the ring. So why aren't they involved in major feuds, generating tons-o-excitement?

WCW has a great deal of potential, but more often than not, it is wasted. Granted, for hardcore fans who would rather die than watch the WWF, it will always be the greatest. But if it is going to attract new fans, it should take advantage of what it has, and stop trying to be something it's not.

Now for some Wrestlemania thoughts and predictions. I don't think any Wrestlemania has generated such lackluster excitement. It's to be expected though as the card is horrendous. As for the matches themselves, I'll take Undertaker/Snuka, Davey Boy Smith/Warlord, Kerry Von Erich/Dino Bravo, the Mountie/Tito Santana, Legion of Doom/Power & Glory, Jake Roberts/Rick Martel, Earthquake/Greg Valentine, Virgil/DiBiase (with some help from Roddy Piper), Barbarian & Haku/the Rockers (Shawn and Marty had their win at the Rumble. Besides, remember what happened when they took on the Twin Towers?), Tenryu & Kitao/Demolition, and as much as I hate to say it, I'll take the Warrior/Randy Savage (although who knows since Randy has been out for the past two months).

As for the title matches, the Harts will lose to the Nasty Boys, and should split soon after. I look for Boss Man to win, but by a Count out or DQ. And is there anybody out there who isn't picking all-American Hulk Hogan to beat that nasty Sgt. Slaughter? I'm really not that upset about not going, although, since I saw Bret and Jim win the belts, it would be kind of nifty to see them lose them as well.

As for the special guests, I don't know if I can take Paul Maguire without Bob Costas. The same goes for Regis without Kathy Lee. Marla does nothing for me, but I bet you Missy fans won't mind seeing her. I'd rather watch Alex Trabek on Jeopardy. As for Willie Nelson, well, now we know just how bad those tax problems really are.

Anyway, enjoy Wrestlemania, if you can. That's it for March-bye.

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

The Mecca (WCW)

Milwaukee, WI

February 27, 1991

Correspondent: Jon Babler

1) Ricky Morton pinned Rip Rogers. Rogers worked the crowd non-stop. C
2) Itsuki Yamazaki & Mami Kitamura beat Miss A & Miki Handa in the same finish as the PPV. Jon thought it was even better than Phoenix. A 3) Larry Zbysko pinned Tommy Rich using the ropes for leverage. D+ 4) Brian Pillman & Tim Horner over Scott Sandlin & Rob Morgan in a squash. D 5) Sting beat Ric Flair via DQ. Gigante was the ref. Sting continues his non-sell approach. B
6) Lex Luger beat Stan Hansen via Count out. After the bout, Stan hung Lex with his bullrope turning Luger's face a nice shade of blue. B 7) Doom beat Barry Windham & Terry Taylor in an excellent street fight. Great chair shots. The way a street fight should be. A 8) Tom Zenk pinned Bobby Eaton in what was a showcase for Eaton. B- 9) Steiners beat Freebirds when Scott hit the Franken steiner on Garvin. "Precious Sucks" chants had Jimmy working hard not to smile. C+ ATT: 1,500

Rochester War Memorial (WWF)

Rochester, NY

February 23, 1991

Correspondent: Sean Hendrick

1) Big Boss Man bubbaslammed Dino Bravo in 9:30. Bubba threw a decent drop-kick. C+ 2) Undertaker pinned Tugboat in 3:40. Awful. D+ 3) Hacksaw Duggan defeated Gen. Adnon in 1:49. Sean says Duggan is a disgrace to New York state. F- 4) Legion of Doom upended Demolition in 11:33 of a good bout. Roadies used the top rope clothesline to secure the win. B+ 5) Kerry Von Erich used Virgil's help to pin Ted DiBiase in 9:26. Ted was suplexing Kerry back into the ring when Virg tripped Ted and Von Erich fell on top for the pin. B+ 6) The Mountie made Jim Powers submit at 5:43. D- 7) Nasty Boys turned back the Rockers at 15:16. Rockers looked excellent. Nasties used a shoe for the victory. Not sure if it was J.J.'s. A- 8) Hulk Hogan man-handled Earthquake in a stretcher match at 6:30. After the bout while Hulk was posing, a fan jumped into the ring. As security rushed the ring, Hulk told them to stay back. Hogan high fived the guy and talked to him for a few minutes. He asked the guy to go with security and the guy did. Hulk told the security people to go easy with him. Hogan diffused a bad situation. B- A-12,5

Memorial Hall (WCW)

Kansas City, KS

March 15, 1991

Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

1) Brad Armstrong pinned Moondog Rex. 2) Dustin Rhodes over El Cubano. 3) Larry Zbysko defeated Mike George. 4) Terry Taylor and Tom Zenk went to a twenty minute draw. Afterwards, Big Cat and Zenk had a stare off. 5) Owen Hart & Brian Pillman beat The Freebirds. Owen did lots of flying moves. Great match. 6) Sting, Rick Steiner, & Junkyard Dog beat Barry Windham, Stan Hansen, & Dan Spivey when Sting pinned Dangerous Dan. Luger was supposed to be in the bout. He was in the building but didn't work. 7) Ron Simmons pinned Butch Reed after a great brawl. 8) El Gigante beat Ric Flair via DQ when Barry Windham ran in for the DQ call. ATT: 3,000 plus. They turned back fans at the door.

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)

Pittsburgh, PA

March 16, 1991

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Orient Express beat The Bushwhackers in 10:22 when Tanaka pinned Butch Miller. D+ 2) Hacksaw Duggan pinned Haku after Haku missed a running charge in the corner at 8:09. D- 3) Tito Santana used a flying forearm to beat Brooklyn Brawler at 16:19. C- 4) Sgt. Slaughter beat Ultimate Warrior in a cage at 25:53. The crowd was worked into a frenzy. A 5) The Mountie pinned

Jimmy Snuka in 7:12 when Rougeau reversed a flying bodypress. C- 6) Legion of Doom defeated Nasty Boys in 11:19 when Hawk pinned Knobbs after a top rope clothesline. C 7) Jake Roberts & Big Boss Man over Rick Martel & Curt Hennig in 15:27. Martel collided with Perfect and Jake school boyed Martel. C ATT: 9,000

LETTERS TO "AR"

And On It Goes

Without wanting to become involved or stir up what appears to be a brewing feud between Jeff Mullins and Rodney Leighton, I feel I must respond to Mullins letter in the last "AR". I myself was confused over Leighton's past comments in Rasslin Riot (quoted by Mullins in his letter). So I checked with Leighton personally-and was assured that it was Mullins he was referring to, not myself (and that he had no problem with me mentioning this fact.) I do not appreciate Mullins insinuation of a rift between myself and Leighton, especially when there isn't one there.

Also, in terms of me having to get on my "knees and beg" to get my piece in the AR Annual-I admit I did, along the lines of "Hey Ron, I got something you could use in the Annual". To which Ron replied, "Great, send it." I'm so ashamed.

Jeff Zinger
Woodstock, ONT

Verne Gagne

After the Japan trip, I had to make amends with my wife Marlene, so we spent a rough ten days in Maui (I know I'm a butthead.) with her sister and fiance Tim Patterson. Tim grew up two houses down from Verne Gagne in Forest Lake, MN and had some juicy 60's gossip about the Vernester.

Seems like Verne was tight with dough from 1965-1971 (naaaah!) and complained to all the neighbors being world champion wrestler didn't pay enough so from 1962-1969, Verne and fellow wrestler Blackjack Daniels (who Verne was supposed to feud with) worked some evenings cutting meat for North Shore Meat Cutters (AKA The Locker Plant) that Tim's dad, Franklin J. Peterson owned. Frank was police chief of Forest Lake and Verne lived on Old Forty Rd. during much of this time. Verne always complained about money and his three wives taking most of it. Tim's dad let he and some of the workers slice meat to make extra money. Some of the guys like Maurice Vachon even made deliveries. Greg, was a nice guy but a campus nerd at Univ. Of Minn. and a real nerd at Lake Forest High School from 1973 until he transferred. After the guys would wrestle or do TV, they'd cut meat for dad, then go get sloshed at the famous 4 Corners Club Bar off the U of Minn campus or the 400 Club. Verne and announcer Marty O'Neill went to Wagner's Cafe and the owner use to complain they drank every bit of booze there. We used to believe that Marty could drink and drink but still do a great job when the camera was on...in fact Verne once had too much and sliced off part of his knuckle (while carving meat) in either '67 or '68. Windsor Canadian Mist was Verne's favourite for shots before cutting meat. And even in those old days, Brian and Brandon Red Young sold steroids and other drugs to AWA wrestlers in front of the old Shokepee Warriors or Garage Area. So there was a drug problem in some younger wrestlers besides the older guys' drinking problem."

I thought unusual stuff like this from someone close to Gagne's was priceless, and I hope it hurts no one since the last coffin nail was laid on the AWA years ago...which is why Tim waited 'till now to even tell me this dirt.

Dr. Mike Lano
Oral Cavity, CA

A Response To Name Withheld

Firstly, I am not on the UWF's payroll. Wish I still had my ticket stub to prove that! Sure, I went a little easy on them in my "review" of their

first NYC taping, but I've always had this "underdog syndrome". They're the little guy-why trash them? Frankly, except for the Orndorff-Williams main event and Cactus Jack's appearance, the show was nothing to write home about. The fact that I chose to emphasize their "potential" simply indicates that I'm a soft touch/a "nice guy" (pardon the cliché). In my most recent "Piece Of My Mind", I describe certain events during the 2nd UWF tapings with such adjectives as "stripped down show with fewer names", "screw job ending", "fans were screaming bullshit", and "a big disappointment". These are not the words of someone being paid off, although I again emphasize their potential and keep a positive/upbeat tone about their organization. The Tolos and Albano interviews I garnered for Wrestling-Then & Now were a result of their respect for my product and some help of mutual contacts-not because I'm part of the organization. If you read the interview Tolos gives me in the April issue of my sheet, he also has a very impartial/honest assesment of the UWF.

As far as the "I don't expect much from Evan Ginzburg" comment because I preferred Bruno over Backlund, hey, that's just personal taste. I'm sure Backlund was a much better scientific wrestler than Bruno, but Sammartino had the charisma and fury that Bob lacked. Many hardcores will tell you the same thing. If someone told me that Brad Rhengans and Abdullah the Butcher were wrestling on indies up the block from each other, I fully realize that Brad's the better wretler, but would go pay to see Abdullah any day of the week over the former Olympian. Maybe certain individuals would disagree with me, but it doesn't make me a fool or heel or anything of that nature. Just means my tastes are different (speaking of that, I was on a date with this woman last night who preferred Roger Moore over Sean Connery. Sounds ridiculous to me, but it doesn't make her a moron does it?)

Re: the whole "smart fan" shtick. I'm not that smart. I know a helluva lot more about blues, jazz, & R&B than I know about 1991 wrestling. I don't have the time or desire to view countless videos as I enjoy the live experience so much more, and I think much of today's wrestling is "horrendous". I don't consider myself a wrestling reporter ala Meltzer. I consider myself a writer/editor who happens to write about wrestling as well as various other topics. It is tremendously sad that some people need some sort of ego boost from being labeled a "smart" fan, and live in a vacuum where little matters to them except the fantasy world of wrestling.

For me, the appeal of "AR", Riot, Sushi and some of the other sheets is that they are fun. Wrestling isn't worshipped like some kind of religion, and their editors aren't treated as all-knowing gurus. They are fans having fun with others of like mind. That's why I'm involved in sheetdom. When I leave most cards, I can't even remember half the rsults. Doesn't make me much of a reporter, but I sure do love the sport.

Finally, the obvious hostility and anger inherent in the letter was almost frightening to me. As a Creative Writing major in college, I had large groups of people critique my work. Although painful, I can handle that. I've even printed highly critical letters of my work in my own sheet. However, I'm not accustomed to appearing in publications where someone with a contrasting view is referred to as a "dork". Scary! At least guys like me and Tramel have the guts to put our names on what we write and open ourselves up to legit criticism.

I really do love "AR" and would like to continue to be a part of it. If Ron's readers share the viewpoint of "name withheld", hey, I'll crawl off somewhere and lick my wounds. Otherwise, I truly hope people enjoy what I write and that it adds to the light/fun tone of "AR".

Evan Ginzburg
Bayside, NY

RL- Just to clear her from this situation, Ferk is not the person who wrote the latter last issue. You wouldn't believe how many people assume it is her.

St. Petersburg, Japan?

See you in St. Pete in May!! What a dream come true! Maybe we all ought to get together and have dinner at Benihana's. Down a few cases of Kirin beer, cram as many people into the car as possible, blast Kitaro on the car stereo and pretend we're Meltzer-San in Tokyo! Of course Flaherty would have to ride in the trunk; flatulence has no place in this arrangement.

Greg Goode
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Questions

I am very upset. Has Vince McMahon gone out of his mind? Having the Ultimate Warrior strip Sherri Martel is in very bad taste. I would like to know what you think. What happened to Ron Garvin? Is Peggy Patterson retired?

Bob Luedke
Passaic, NJ

RL- I've learned not to get too upset by any angles the promotions come up with. I think the beating up of Sherri is worse for kids to see than having her clothes stripped off. It's like they are glorifying abuse to women. Ron Garvin recently had a match with Paul Orndorff in Ohio for promoter Dennis Coraluzzo. I do believe Patterson is retired.

Not Another Missy Letter

Got a couple of comments relating to last issue. First off, Marianne Ryan's letter (and I quote)- "I found it interesting that you, Jeff Zinger and J.Z. Travis all made reference to a certain part of Missy Hyatt's anatomy. Far be it for me to label those remarks sexist and tasteless." Hey, Marianne- label away. I can't speak for Ward Cleaver-err, Ron Lemieux, or Zinger, but I am a very sexist and tasteless person. Thanks for the compliments. Also, tell Scott Hudson that I'm "The Sick Canuck", not Zinger. I hate it when people get us mixed up, or actually think we're the same person.

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- Excuse me, I have to put the Beaver to bed!

In lieu of the burning of the T-shirt of Hulk Hogan by Sgt. Slaughter, Jeff Siegel has come up with a top ten list of things Slaughter can burn next.

10. Iron Sheik's Boots
9. The midnight Oil
8. A photo of Verne Gagne
7. A casserole
6. Leaves
5. The candle at both ends
4. Rubber
3. His bridges
2. His Toast
1. His WWF contract.

Late Result:

Mt. Dora High School:(PWF) MT. Dora, FL
Correspondent: Shannon Rose

March 15, 1991

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- 4) Terminator & Tim Parker over Heart Breaker
- 5) Steve Keirn beat Dick Slater to retain the PWF title. A++: 200

can too. Sarge will turn face and go out that way after a feud with Sheik. I sure hope they don't expect the same type of work from the two as before..... When Randy Savage returns this summer from his "retirement" he will come back as a face and feud with DiBiase. Sherri will be with Ted after Randy loses at "Wrestlemania".....Paul Spiegel is putting together a mini-convention in Tampa-St. Pete for the NWA "Super Brawl" PPV. He has choice ringside tickets to the show. If you are interested in securing one, send \$20.00 to Paul at P.O. Box 22164, Tampa, FL 33622. Or call at (813)876-3371. He is putting together an indy card for Saturday night and a get together for all the fans coming for the weekend along with possibly some WCW personalities for Saturday afternoon. I'll have more details next time out.....The best worked gimmick in the business right now is Paul Bearer. Percy Pringle does a great job. He created quite a stir with his Prime Time appearance though. One noted mortician was busy the next day calling mortuaries in Alabama trying to get Pringle's license revoked. (Percy is a legit mortician.).....Names being tossed about as history from the WWF after "Wrestlemania" are Demolition, Jake Roberts, Rick Martel, and Power & Glory. How many times do we hear this before a big show.....Rick Rude returned to the ring for the first time since leaving Titan when he appeared on a Killer Kowalski show in Middleboro, MA against Nikolai Volkoff. He's dropped the "Ravishing" from his speel since Titan claims to own that name.....Congrats to Shannon and Paul as their weekly wrestling cable talk show received a Golden Cassette Award for cable public access excellence.....Jimmy Backlund will be running shows in the Bahamas. Smart move since it was always the PWF's best drawing area.....An incident occurred in St. Joseph, MO on 3/14 when Stan Hansen threw Luger's title on the mat and a clip flew and hit a kid in the third row right in the eye. They took the kid in the back to treat him and gave him the royal treatment so I don't believe there will be a lawsuit.....3/14 in Ruskin, FL saw Denny Brown beat Chris Proctor when a fan attacked Denny while he was walking outside the ring. It was reported that Brown beat the guy bad as he was bleeding all over the place.....Disney had a special St. Patty's day event with athletes from every sport competing in special dance contests and the like. John Studd represented wrestling. I wonder if the guy that prompted this event realizes Studd hasn't worked in years. Then again, would you call what he did work?.... Talk that Sting-Muta match taking place in Japan will not air on the PPV special on 4/7 since Sting will do the job. Herd feels it will not serve any purpose to show Sting taking the pin here in the states. Agreed.....Talk that Jushin Riger (Liger, Tiger, whatever.) will be the new WCW junior champ. How great that would be.....Hashimoto, Chono, and Muta said to winning the six mans from Morton, Rich, & JYD in St. Pete. Latest word though is Fujinami will be the only Jap on that card.....A TBS taping took place on 3/12. The first show already aired this past weekend. Coming up this Sat. 3/23 will see Barry Windham & Ric Flair take on Tommy Rich & Big Josh. Rich gets his leg battered pretty bad and Morton comes to take his place. The Horsemen are all beating on the faces when Gigante makes the save but the Horsemen get the edge until Josh comes after them with his ax. Something you won't see on TV occurred after Young Pistols & Dustin Rhodes beat Dutch Mantell & State Patrol when Tracy Smothers had to be stopped from going after some fans. Told he was real hot. Terry Taylor did a run in after a Zenk squash. Eaton made the save. Pistols ran in after a Birds win. Terry Taylor beat Joey Maggs in a good bout. Larry Z was mentioned as a possible member of the York Foundation after which Alexandra also mentioned Dustin Rhodes. Dustin came out and said he'd never be part of their group. When Taylor was doing his interview he said, Big Cat. And the director yelled, "Cut, cut". They don't want people to know that Curtis Hughes is Big Cat. Give me a break.. One Man Gang squashes Ranger Ross and Sullivan and Teddy Long triple on him until Simmons makes the save.....Pistols getting a huge push as they'll beat Barry & Arn for the U.S. straps and then feud with the Freebirds. I want to know who's ass the Birds are kissing in Atlanta to get the push they continue to receive.....Memphis correspondent Bill Burnett sent me those columns on the vacating USWA from the Mid-South Coliseum. He made a good point too. He says Jerry Lawler hates the sheets because they expose the business. How does he explain the newspaper article saying he is a partner in the promotion. Hmmm.....WCW does it again. The York Foundation gimmick is one of the best they got. So what do they do? They fire Buddy Landell. For what? Allegedly blowing a snot at a fan in Baltimore when she took a swing at him. They're lucky. He should have coldcocked her. I have a hard time believing that's the only reason but I think they let his rep make their decision. Too bad..... I don't know about you but Tom Prichard grates my nerves. Get an original shtick pal will ya'.....Expect some Steiner bouts with Luger-Sting and possibly Flair-Windham battles with no turns involved. Seems NWA wants to try the Japan method and put less emphasis on heels and faces. Can't hurt to try..... Before I go I'd like to mention a newsletter out there that provides great analysis on the issues going on in wrestling today. Paul MacArthur and David Skolnick put out Wrestling Perspective at \$1.00 per issue. Write to them at P.O. Box 401, Camillus, NY 13031. Tell them "AR" sent you.....Well, have to run. Hope you all enjoyed this issue. Thanks for reading. See ya!

Ron